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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SELECTED MAAGS

REF: A. STATE 267736 DTG 300139Z OCT 76

B. STATE 250892 DTG 081701Z OCT 76

C. PARIS 30553 DTG 151755Z OCT 76

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D. STATE 249429 DTG 070242Z OCT 76

1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE INFORMALLY CONSULTED QUAI D'ORSAY AND MOD LIAISON OFFICE ON NAME FOR SUCCESSOR TO MAAG ORGANIZATION. RESPONSES INDICATE NO PROBLEM WITH "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION." UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL INFORM QUAI BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF NAME, STRUCTURE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSONANT WITH REFS A AND B WE CONTACTED QUAI AND MOD LIAISON OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF NAME "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION" CREATED ANY PROBLEMS FOR GOF. WE WERE INFORMED THAT NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED AND THUS WE HAVE ADOPTED THAT NAME FOR MAAG SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

3. DURING CONVERSATION WITH BOULLET (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AT QUAI), EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT QUAI CONTINUES TO AWAIT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM EMBASSY OF MAAG TRANSITION. AS BOULLET PUT IT, THE ONLY OFFICIAL PIECE OF PAPER IN QUAI FILE IS MESSAGE FROM FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON INFORMING PARIS THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 MAAG FRANCE CEASED TO EXIST (SEE REF C).

4. EMBOFF REVIEWED AGAIN WITH BOULLET SUBSTANCE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION WHICH NECESSITATED CHANGE. BOULLET AGREED THAT THIS CHANGE DOES NOT CALL INTO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF THE 1950 US-GOF AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE AND THAT ARTICLE 6 THEREOF PROVIDES FOR ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AGREEMENT. BUT, HE CONTINUED THAT GIVEN THE CHANGE, IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5 (WHICH CALLS FOR FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF US ELEMENTS HERE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AGREEMENT) WILL BE RESTUDIED BY THE FRENCH. BOULLET SAID THAT THE FRENCH AWAIT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ON THE SUBJECT.

5. PROPOSED ACTION: UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE PLAN TO DELIVER TO THE QUAI A NOTE ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN PARA 2, E, OF REF D:

- NOTIFYING THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM MAAG TO ODC;

/ - CLARIFYING THAT ACTIVITIES HERETOFORE CONDUCTED BY THE MAAG WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ODC AS AN

OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY; AND,

- NOTING OUR POSITION THAT THE 1950 AGREEMENT
CONTINUES IN EFFECT, INCLUDING, OF COURSE,
ARTICLES 5 AND 6.

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